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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - August 27, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Jorge Espinoza Cruz was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by United States District Judge John A. Houston to serve 57 months in custody and 3 years of supervised release, based upon his May 1, 2007 guilty plea to the charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

According to court documents and testimony, Cruz, who has gang affiliations and was previously convicted in state court in July 2001 of assault with a deadly weapon, a felony, admitted that on February 4, 2007, he illegally possessed a sawed-off, Smith and Wesson 12-gauge shotgun, at his Vista, California home, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2), a felony.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 07cr0573-JAH

JORGE ESPINOZA CRUZ

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2)(Felon in Possession of a Firearm)

AGENCIES

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

North County Regional Gang Task Force